

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 313

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN ADOPTING PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO CURB GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AND ENCOURAGING CONTINING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND USE CLEAN TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF BURIEN.

WHEREAS, the world's leading climate scientists have documented a clear trend toward climate change caused by greenhouse gasses which get trapped and build up in the atmosphere near the earth's surface; and

WHEREAS, climate change of the magnitude now predicted by many in the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the University of Washington's Joint Institute for the Study of Atmosphere and Oceans projects significant harm to the Pacific Northwest due to changes in weather patterns attributable to climate change global warming/cooling, including forest decline, deteriorating air quality, sea level rise, and most alarmingly, disruption of the water cycle on which the region's water, air, and agricultural systems depend; and

WHEREAS, achieving greenhouse gas emission reductions to protect the climate is important to the community of Burien, its water supply, air quality, and current and future quality of life; and

WHEREAS, greenhouse gas reduction activities contribute to the achievement of many of the City's environmental values, including promoting clean and efficient energy use, commuter trip reduction efforts, and clean construction technology among others, promoting a reliable and affordable water supply; protecting urban and rural forests and wetlands, and promoting low-impact development; and

WHEREAS, the mayors from more than 200 other cities in the United States have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: City Commitment to Green House Gas Reduction Goals: The City of Burien is committed to the long-range goal of stabilizing atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases and will contribute to the achievement of that goal by evaluating local energy use and carbon emissions, and by developing achievable targets for conservation.

Section 2: Adoption of Policies and Programs to Reduce Green House Gasses. The Community Development Department and the Public Works Department are directed to continue to implement, adopt, promote, and coordinate within their programs and authority, all appropriate measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including but not limited to:

- Commute Trip Reduction Programs/Requirements.
- Construction of Green Buildings in accordance with LEED Certification.
- Purchase and Use of energy efficient/ hybrid vehicle fleet.
- Conversion of traffic light and other exterior public lighting to LED technology.
- Promote natural garden planting and yard care.
- Encourage the use of building construction materials made from recycled and recyclable materials.
- Encourage the recycling of construction demolition materials.
- Increase the overall coverage of tree canopies and other vegetation by encouraging new site development and retrofit plans to include provisions for the addition or preservation of trees and vegetation.
- Design and construct storm-water utility facilities with LID technology and measures, reduce the use of new impervious surfaces, and utilize pervious surfaces whenever practical, and promote natural flow and infiltration conditions.
- Consider the impacts of new development on air quality as part of the City's environmental review process and develop policies that outline mitigation measures as may be appropriate.
- Consider the impacts of new development on the quality of land, wildlife, and vegetative resources as a part of the City's environmental review process and required appropriate mitigation, which may include the retention of significant habitats.

- Maintain, protect and enhance greenbelts, riparian corridors, and wildlife habitat corridors to that the extent and intensity of the built environment is balanced by these natural features.
- Promote development of the City's Urban Center to be characterized by daytime and nighttime uses that are transit-supportive, non- motorized or pedestrian/bicycle-supportive, reflect superior urban design, promote the reduction of the use of single-occupancy vehicles, and promote public open space.

Section 3. Coordination with Governments. The City of Burien shall work closely with local, state, and federal governments, in addition to public and private sector leaders, to reduce Green House Gas emissions consistent with local, state, and federal reduction goals as they exist and evolve over time.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN,
WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE,
2010.

CITY OF BURIEN
/s/ Joan McGilton, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:
/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
/s/ Craig Knutson, City Attorney

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